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Bridget Russell is special counsel in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's Century City office.

Areas of Practice

Bridget's practice primarily focuses on securities litigation, shareholder derivative action defense, SEC investigation defense, as well as internal investigations and white collar defense. Bridget has prevailed as named counsel in complex securities fraud class actions under section 10(b) of the Exchange Act of 1934 and has defended derivative claims involving California, Nevada and Delaware corporations. She regularly represents Delaware corporations in responding to demands made under Section 220 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, 8 Del. C. § 220 and has successfully settled numerous demands pre-filing. She has extensive experience with disputes arising in the entertainment industry, whether brought in court or instituted in an arbitration, and has represented studios, production companies and distributors in complex and often cross-border business disputes. She also defends consumer class actions and litigates intellectual property and other general business disputes.

Bridget represents a broad range of clients in the healthcare, banking and finance, retail, entertainment, manufacturing, technology and telecommunications industries. Bridget's practice is national in scope. She appears in federal and state courts throughout California, Ohio, New York, Delaware and Nevada. She is experienced in all stages of litigation from pre-complaint analysis and settlement through pleading motions, discovery, mediation, trial and appeals.

Bridget is a committed *pro bono* attorney. She regularly represents parents in adoption proceedings through Public Counsel and volunteers at the Los Angeles Veterans Affairs offering a broad range of legal advice to veterans.

Honors

Southern California Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2015-2025

Experience

Representative Matters

- Inc. in a securities litigation class action: won motion to dismiss first amended complaint and successfully defended that judgment at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

- A pharmaceutical company in a securities litigation class action.
- Workhorse Group in multiple securities litigation class actions and shareholder derivative actions.
- Ontrak, Inc. in multiple securities litigation class actions and shareholder derivative actions.
- Tullett Prebon in litigation related to a securities litigation class action.
- Patriot National in litigation related to a securities litigation class action.
- A manufacturer in a shareholder derivative action alleging breach of fiduciary duty on the part of the Board of Directors as a result of their approval of stock option grants.
- A number of studios, production companies and distributors in arbitrations.
- Retailers and brands in class action lawsuits in courts across the country alleging false advertising relating to their pricing practices.
- Several companies in different lawsuits brought pursuant to Lanham Act and Civil Code Section 3344 claims alleging misappropriation and false advertising.
- Sansum Clinic in an affiliation agreement and through the resulting Federal Trade Commission and California Attorney General investigation.
- Several companies in different lawsuits brought pursuant to the Copyright Act alleging infringement.

Published Decisions

- *Local 731 I.B. of T. Excavators and Pavers Pension Trust Fund v. Diodes, Inc.*, 67 F.Supp.3d 782, 784 (E.D. Tex., 2014)
- *Local 731 I.B. of T. Excavators and Pavers Pension Trust Fund v. Diodes, Inc.*, 810 F.3d 951, 954 (5th Cir. 2016)

Articles

- Eye on Privacy 2021 Year in Review
01.11.2022

Corporate & Securities Law Blog Posts

- "Delaware Court of Chancery Holds that a Contractual Delaware Choice of Law Provision Did Not Waive Plaintiff's Claim Under the California Securities Act," February 24, 2021
- "Fourth Circuit Affirms Dismissal of Securities Fraud Complaint Where Inference of Scienter Was Not Sufficiently Strong," April 18, 2014
- "Delaware Court of Chancery Applies Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing to Prohibit An Acquiring Entity From Diverting Revenues to Depress Payouts Under a Contingent Purchase Price Provision," February 20, 2014
- "Ninth Circuit Applies Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act to Affirm Dismissal of Section 17200 Class Action Involving Variable Life Insurance Policies," January 31, 2013

Media Mentions

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Practices

Litigation
Class Action Defense
Financial Services Litigation
France
Privacy and Cybersecurity
Securities Enforcement
Securities Litigation
White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations

Industries

Artificial Intelligence
Emerging Company & Venture Capital
Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance
Entertainment, Technology and Advertising
Financial Services
Healthcare
Insurance
Life Sciences
Private Equity
Wine

Education

J.D., University of Southern California, 2012, Entertainment Law Certificate, Business Law Certificate
B.A., University of Southern California, 2009, *cum laude*

Clerkships

Extern to the Honorable Steven V. Wilson, United States District Court, Central District of California

Admissions

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California